

Newsletter December 2013

The 13th SWISS BRIDGE Award Ceremony took place in October 2013. This year's topic was "Health services research in oncology" and two researchers from Switzerland, one from Italy and one from Germany, were selected as the winners who share the 500'000 Swiss franc award for their outstanding projects aimed at improving medical care for cancer patients.



(Member of the Board of Foundation), PD Sibil Tschudin (Award winner), Prof. Jakob Passweg (Chairman of the Board of Foundation)

The award ceremony at the Zunfthaus zur Meisen was festive, accompanied by classical music played by two winners of the Swiss Youth Music Competition and by entertaining yet informative talks of Prof. Roger Stupp who is the new Head of the Cancer Center at the Zurich University Hospital and Prof. Gordon McVie who is Chairman of the Scientific Jury of the SWISS BRIDGE Foundation.

Photo: from left to right Dr. Paolo Bossi (representing Award winner Prof. Lisa Licitra), Gordon McVie (Chairman of the Scientific Jury), Prof. Christine Bouchardy (Award winner), Thomas Hoepli

Also in October, SWISS BRIDGE organised a lunch presentation by Prof. Dr. Douglas Hanahan at the Maison des Fondations in Geneva. Prof. Hanahan who is Head of ISREC (Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research) gave an update of the latest strategies to treat cancer. He also introduced the future AGORA Cancer Center that will be built in Lausanne to facilitate a close interaction between basic and clinical researchers and care practitioners.

Photo: Thomas Hoepli (Member of the Board of Foundation), Prof. Douglas Hanahan (Head ISREC), from left to right



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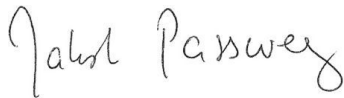
In September, SWISS BRIDGE organised a lunch presentation by Prof. Umberto Veronesi at the Villa Castagnola in Lugano. Prof. Veronesi, one of the most renowned oncologists in Europe, gave a fascinating overview of today's cancer care that was peppered with anecdotes from his career over the past 50 years as a doctor.

Photo: Thomas Hoepli (Member of the Board of Foundation), Prof. Franco Cavalli, Prof. Umberto Veronesi (Chairman Istituto Europeo di Oncologia), Prof. Giorgio Nosedà (Honorary Chairman of the Board of Foundation), from left to right

The SWISS BRIDGE Foundation received substantial donations this year for which we are grateful. In addition to financing the award winning projects, SWISS BRIDGE successfully supported several oncology projects through designated donations. For instance, in collaboration with the ECMS foundation, SWISS BRIDGE supported the launch of ecaner Latin America, an internet based information platform in Spanish that provides oncology researchers and practitioners in Latin America with open access to the latest information about cancer research and cancer care.

The SWISS BRIDGE foundation will organize exciting and informative events in the coming year. Please check our website (www.swissbridge.ch) for more information. In addition, please contact us (info@swissbridge.ch) regarding questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,



Prof. Dr. Jakob Passweg
Chairman of the
Board of Foundation



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LE TEMPS

Récompenses

Quatre chercheuses primées
Quatre chercheuses sur le cancer se partagent le Swiss Bridge Award, doté de 500 000 francs. La récompense est attribuée à Christine Bouchardy, de l'Université de Genève, Sibil Tschudin, de l'Hôpital universitaire de Bâle, Lisa Licitra, de la fondation milanaise IRCCS, et Heide Götze, de l'Université de Leipzig. (ATS)

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Basler Zeitung

Preis für Krebsprävention geht an Baslerin

Zürich. Der mit 500 000 Franken dotierte Swiss Bridge Award, der Projekte in der Krebsforschung auszeichnet, geht dieses Jahr an vier Forscherinnen: Eine der Preisträgerinnen arbeitet an der Universität Genf, eine am Universitätsklinikum Basel. Die beiden anderen sind in Mailand und Leipzig tätig. Die Preissumme verteilt sich in Anteilen zwischen 100 000 und 150 000. Sibil Tschudin vom Uniklinikum Basel wird ausgezeichnet für ihre Evaluation eines Online-Instruments als Entscheidungshilfe für junge Krebspatientinnen, die ihre Fruchtbarkeit möglichst erhalten wollen. SDA.